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RELIGIOUS RIOT.

Two Killed; Street Preacher Fatally Shot.

FOUR OTHERS ARE WOUNDED.

Evangelist and His Followers Were Holding Gospel Services In a Street In Kansas City When Trouble Began.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 9.—In the shadow of the city hall a riot in which religious fanatics and policemen were participants and during which a hundred shots were fired resulted in the deaths of Policeman A. O. Dalbow and Lola Pratt, a thirteen-year-old girl, and injuries to five others.

Those fatally injured are John Sharp, known as "Adam God," a street preacher; Michael Mullane, a patrolman, and Patrick Clark, a police sergeant. Harry E. Stege, a policeman, and George M. Holt, a probation officer, were seriously hurt.

The trouble occurred while the streets were crowded with people. While the fight was in progress the participants traversed an entire block. Probation Officer Holt was investigating a case of alleged abduction when he met John Sharp, known as "Adam God," who was exhorting a crowd at a gospel meeting in the street. With Sharp were Louis Pratt, Mrs. Louis Pratt and five children ranging in age from three to fourteen years.

The woman announced that she and "Adam God," the evangelist, would conduct services at Poor Man's mission, whereupon she and her companions started toward the mission. Officer Holt then inquired as to the identity of the children. The woman assumed an attitude of resentment and replied that the officer "had better attend to his own business."

The officer persevered in his inquiries, and "Adam God," who wears a long white beard and hair, threatened the officer. Officer Holt stood his ground until "Adam God" struck him a heavy blow behind the ear with a pistol, making an ugly wound.

Officer Holt ran to the police station and announced that a band of religious fanatics were coming to attack the police station. The police sergeant in charge ordered Patrolmen Charles Dalbow and Harry E. Stege to arrest Sharp and his followers.

Sharp and his followers were within fifty yards of the police station when the officers stepped into the street. The Sharpites gave evidence of frenzy, and they served notice on all that they would preach right "under the eyes of the police station and the police cannot prevent us."

The officers did not, however, expect serious trouble and were not prepared for the volley of bullets which met them almost immediately after they appeared on the scene.

Dalbow was killed instantly, and a bullet passed through Stege's arm. Other officers, hearing the firing, rushed into the street, and a general fight ensued.

Lieutenant Clark, who had come into the street unarmed, was shot in the eye, and Patrolman Mullane was shot in the back as he hurried into the police station for reinforcements.

In the meantime a riot call brought policemen from all directions. Thoroughly aroused, the officers closed in on Sharp and his followers, firing as they went. When the firing ceased "Adam God" lay fatally wounded, shot through the head and body.

Mrs. Pratt and her children fled to a houseboat in which they lived on the Missouri river. Fifty policemen followed them and found that the woman had barricaded herself in the houseboat.

Standing on the boat with a shotgun, she shouted to the officers, "Come on, you fiends!" The boat was only a few feet from the bank of the river, and several officers dashed toward it.

The woman dropped her weapon, and, seizing two of the children, she sprang into a rowboat and began to row into the middle of the river. The officers called to her to stop, but she only plied the oars more vigorously.

The policemen fired a volley at the rowboat. One shot struck Lola Pratt, tearing away the greater part of the child's face. She died an hour later.

The name Pu Yi looks cheap to us for an emperor, but in Chinese four letters yoked that way can mean a lot.

If the kaiser wants a trainer for the art of talking much and saying nothing, there's our Chauncey Depew.

Perish the thought that there will be any tainted sweets passed around during the tariff fight over sugar.

The Holiday of Holidays.

In declaring that without the exhilaration to be derived from alcohol the average American would sink into humdrum and lack the spur of romance Professor Munsterberg ignores the genius of Christmas, which holds this nation under a universal spell. Christmas comes but once a year, yet is never wholly absent as an inciting force. It is always coming and is the one holiday which every one intends to prepare for—moreover, enjoys preparing for—for it is open to a variety of embellishment. Thanksgiving is almost a fixed duty. It fits into the year as does the dinner hour into the day. Feast and thanks are always ready and always just about the same.

There is never a Christmas so barren of cheer that any normal person can vow to cut it out in future and not end by cutting out the resolution instead. The vision of Christmas cheer works out among grownups the same as the Santa Claus idea among children. When things go wrong Santa Claus has met with mishap or had a poverty year or there were more good children to reward than the saint figured on when laying in stock. So, while believing that the best Christmas ever can be improved upon, we refuse to believe that the worst may not be and should not be redeemed, because—well, because Christmas is Christmas. There's the inspiration, ceaseless and indestructible, to lift the individual and society above the humdrum.

Useless Moving of Crops.

The country has another bumper crop to move, yet the railroads, to take them at their word, have done very little in a practical way to stave off the usual car famine. J. J. Hill, who speaks for the railroad interests, says that enormous outlays will be necessary at once in order to equip the lines for handling the normal increase of traffic. In some quarters there is complaint that the public attitude toward the railroads does not encourage the owners to put money into new equipment whenever they can avoid it. Meanwhile, if the soil keeps on yielding generously, the public must get around the crop moving problem as best it can.

More waterways are coming some time to relieve the rails of part of the transportation burden. But it may not be necessary, after all, to await the digging of ditches, widening of creeks and dredging of choked up channels. A little figuring and dividing on the "live and let live" rule ought to help some. The roads now often haul the soil products twice as far as they need to be moved. They get a long haul from the farm to the wholesale markets first, then a long haul back to town and village retail markets within a short haul of where they were grown. Probably one-half of the butter, eggs, potatoes, meal and flour bought at retail in this country travels 500 to 1,000 miles needlessly because middlemen and railways working with them have complicated the process of moving food from the farm to the table.

Mr. Carnegie thinks the steel interest is now rich enough to do a little uplift work in the way of tariff revision. If the revisionists once get a lever under the high tariff structure something will surely have to go. Perhaps that's what Mr. Carnegie aims to give them, a lever made of steel bars.

Perhaps it was the fury of the blast which the kaiser let loose upon England that drove the London fog to our shores in November.

The increase in the amount of letter mail between this country and England during the first month of the two cent postage rate will do for a starter, although it does not offset the decline in postage receipts which followed the cut from 5 to 2 cents. The increase was only 25 per cent, but doubtless the bulk of it was letters sending the news of the reduction one way or the other, and the service will show a profit in time.

Santa Claus must look carefully to the propeller blades and cranks of his aeroplane before starting, for one of those little accidents which the Wrights don't mind a bit would spoil his whole beautiful legend.

The emperor of China is only three years old, and his main stunt will be to round out Dr. Osler's forty year limit either in usefulness or uselessness.

Speaking of women and hat courage, no man dares wear a straw hat in November, even though it is dog day weather.

NEW CABINET IN HAITI.

President Simon Makes General Hippolyte Minister of Interior.

Port au Prince, Haiti, Dec. 9.—General Antoine Simon, who has assumed the presidency of Haiti, appointed the following cabinet:

Minister of the Interior, General Hippolyte; minister of finance, Luders Chapeteau; minister of foreign affairs, M. Claude; minister of public works, M. Evellard; minister of war and marine, General Rolland; minister of justice, M. Magny.

Temporarily the ministers will take the title of councilors. The choice of these officials is generally approved.

TAFT HEADS RED CROSS.

Is Re-elected President and Accepts After Legal Approval.

Washington, Dec. 9.—President Elect Taft was unanimously re-elected president of the National Red Cross society at its annual meeting here.

He accepted the office after the nominating committee had secured from the judge advocate general of the army the opinion that it would be entirely legal for him to retain the presidency of the Red Cross at the same time he is acting as the nation's chief executive.

WENDEL PAYS \$1,000 FINE.

Judge Says Former Captain's Crime Was Dangerous One.

New York, Dec. 9.—Despite pathetic pleas made in his behalf by members of the national guard, former Captain Louis Wendel of the First battery was fined \$1,000 in the court of general sessions for having presented fraudulent claims against the state.

Wendel, broken in health and spirit, sat in court until his son went and got the money, after which he paid the fine.

"It is a painful duty for me to perform," said Judge Swain, "but this man's crime was a dangerous one in view of the status and growth of the national guard."

COLONEL COOPER IN COURT.

Shooting Senator Carmack.

Nashville, Dec. 8.—Colonel Duncan B. Cooper, father of Robin Cooper, who was with the latter when he shot and killed ex-Senator Edward W. Carmack on the street here on Nov. 9, was brought into court today for trial on the charge of murder. At the same time John D. Sharp, former sheriff of this county, was also placed on trial. The two men are charged with complicity in the shooting.

Robin Cooper, who fired the shots which killed Carmack, was wounded and is still under treatment. He will be placed on trial later. The shooting was the result of attacks made on Colonel Cooper by Carmack in the latter's newspaper, the Tennessean.

Snakes as Necklaces.

There are plenty of snakes in Samoa, but they are all harmless. In certain districts it is a custom of the native girls to wind live reptiles around their necks and arms as ornaments for their dances.

The Ruby.

If you make a ruby hot it becomes green, but goes back again presently to its own color.

Burials in Japan.

There are no undertakers in Japan. When a person dies it is the custom for his nearest relatives to put him into a coffin and bury him, and the mourning does not begin until after burial.

Senoras and Senoritas.

The married and unmarried women of the United States of Colombia, South America, are designated by the manner in which they wear flowers in their hair, the senoras wearing them on the right side and the señoritas on the left.

Spiders' Thread.

Four miles of an ordinary spider's thread would weigh one grain.

Potatoes.

Potatoes as a food vary in value according to the way they are cooked. Roasted they are in the best form for eating. Peasants eat potatoes together with milk and are correct in principle, as the milk furnishes the elements lacking in the tubers.

Why Not?

Lawyer—Do I understand you to say that you are acquainted with both parties in this case?

Witness—Why—er—I don't know whether you do or not. Do I hear you ask me the question?—Chicago Tribune.

A Lot For the Money.

"And you complained of the cost of your wife's new hat?"
"Yes," answered the philosophic man, "but that was before I saw how big it was."—Washington Star.

MR. GOULD DENIES

Says Attention to Women Were Purely Platonic.

WILL FIGHT THE DIVORCE SUIT.

His Wife Declares He Gave Money, Jewelry and Other Presents to Two Whom She Names In Affidavit.

New York, Dec. 9.—Frank J. Gould, who has a fortune of not less than \$15,000,000, inherited from his father, Jay Gould, declared today that his wife's charges of infidelity are unjust and that his attentions to the two women she names in her divorce suit were purely platonic.

He announces that he will defend the suit in the courts and says he is anxious for an early trial of the case.

Justice Seabury of the supreme court denied the motion made on Mr. Gould's behalf to strike out the paragraphs in the amended complaint of his wife, Helen Kelly Gould, in her suit for absolute divorce in which she names Rose Winter, Marjorie Stevens and others.

The complaint said that Mr. Gould had his agent engage a room at the



MRS. FRANK J. GOULD.

Hotel Grand in Paris in the autumn of 1906 adjoining and connected with the apartment occupied by Marjorie Stevens.

Then it is alleged that Mr. Gould availed himself of the connecting doors between the apartments and visited Miss Stevens in her apartment during the fall and winter of 1906 and 1907.

Still another paragraph alleged that on their return to New York Mr. Gould continued his attentions to Marjorie Stevens.

It was alleged in one paragraph that Frank J. Gould first met Rose Winter at Martin's in April or May, 1906, and that he had given a diamond ring, a gold purse and various sums of money at different times, one of the gifts being \$3,000, to Rose Winter.

Then Gould was charged with visiting Rose Winter at the Hotel Shoreham.

Justice Seabury ruled that these gifts to Rose Winter were not platonic gifts, but the motive for her acceptance of Mr. Gould's attentions.

Miss Winter is an English actress who some years ago married Percy Winter, a writer of London. She is blond and slender, with blue eyes and golden hair. She was one of the Gibson girls in Thomas W. Ryley's production of "The Belle of Mayfair," and her last engagement was with Miss Fritz Scheff in "The Prima Donna."

"Do you know Mr. Gould?" she was asked.

"Yes, I know him," she said, "but merely as a friend and not in any way approaching the extent that would justify his wife in her unpardonable action. Why, I have only talked with him three or four times."

"Do you remember where you met him?"

"At several parties where we were guests. Whose parties doesn't matter. I merely wish to say that I deny any such charges as I understand Mrs. Gould to have made."

"Mrs. Gould says her husband gave you valuable presents," she was informed. "Did you ever receive anything from him?"

"I scarcely remember," she answered. "Perhaps I did—a few trifles. But really I don't care to say anything more."

University President Resigns. Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 9.—Dr. Cyrus Northrop resigned as president of the University of Minnesota after twenty-five years' service.

Time For the Marines to Go Ashore.

The president's recent order sending the United States marines to the naval stations and coast defenses is hailed by the jacks as an uplift for the man behind the guns. The marines were originally put on board ship to police the deck, and the natural antagonism of the sailors to espionage at the hands of landmen has never worn off. But things have changed, the conditions are different, and it is time for the marine to go.

For years we never knew that we had a marine corps except in time of war. Half of the warships were laid up, and those in commission passed the days on uneventful cruises which the public knew little about. When war came the seamen ranks were filled by men of all types and from all nations. A police was needed, and the marines were recruited up. Now our sailors are always under wholesome discipline. They serve long terms and are rewarded for good conduct. They are superior men and can keep order on shipboard without prodding from the man with the musket.

Woman suffragists would do well to suppress this talk in open meetings about a woman not being able to live on \$25,000 a year. That was all the men presidents got for a long, long time, and maybe the women presidents will have to start at that figure, especially if the congresses elected with them are not in harmony with the new idea.

A big New York restaurant on the "help yourself and pay as you go out" plan failed because the eaters of \$5,598 worth of pies "didn't get no further" than the first two words of the rules, then began to pie.

The conservation commission today made time for a natural but all-around view of the current of the other "great lakes" of the world.

abolish cigarettes.

A Million Persons. One million persons in a crowd, allowing three square feet per person, would cover about seventy acres. In line, allowing eighteen inches to each, they would form a procession 284.1 miles long.

Possible Cause.

Roderick—I see they have discovered some new green spots on Mars.
John Albert—That so? Bet the green hat craze has struck that planet too.—Chicago News.

Other Than the Season.

"Don't you think it is just lovely to enjoy the fall in an auto?"
"Perhaps, but I don't enjoy the ones I have had out of it."—Baltimore American.

Weather Probabilities.

Fair; colder; moderate southwest winds.

Our First Planos.

The first pianos known in America were imported from London in 1794 by John Jacob Astor, but as they could not stand the rigors of this climate they soon became ruined. This fact led to the attempt to build pianos in this country, and in the early part of the nineteenth century pianos made their appearance.

London and Solar Eclipses.

Only two total eclipses of the sun have been visible in London during the last thousand years. It is estimated that the next total eclipse visible in London will be on June 14, 2151.

Famous Gamblers.

Mme. du Barry was the most famous woman gambler of the time of Louis XV., but with her it was only a pastime. But Mme. Pompadour went in with the sole object of winning if she could. It is recorded that her winnings were enormous and that in a single game she eased the pockets of the king of 25,000 louis d'or (\$125,000).

Time to Worry.

The autumn air—
How crisp and rare
It seems! But if you're broke
You hate to hear
That winter's near—
And your overcoat in "bank."
—Minneapolis Journal.

Just Like Some Men.

Howell—Howell thinks he is the whole thing.

Powell—Yes, if he leans against a post for a few minutes he has the idea that the post couldn't stand without him.—Lippincott's Magazine.

On the Latest Hipless Shape.

We don't wish to insinuate
They were not real before.
But where, oh, where are the hips that
we
Don't notice any more?

DIPLOMATS IN AUTO SMASH.

Minister Herrarte of Guatemala Fatally Hurt; Others Injured.

Washington, Dec. 9.—While returning in an automobile from Virginia, Senator Don Luis Toledo Herrarte, the Guatemalan minister; Senator Ramon Bengoechea, secretary of legation; General Drummond of Guatemala, Senator Barrios and Senator Sanchez Latorre were seriously injured by the machine skidding and overturning near the new highway bridge connecting this city with the Virginia shore.

Minister Herrarte sustained a fracture of the skull, and his injuries are mortal.

When the accident happened the party was proceeding toward Mount Vernon, and Senator Barrios was carrying a massive wreath of evergreens, amylax and green leaves to place on the tomb of Washington at the special request of President Estrada Cabrera of Guatemala.

Minister Herrarte was one of the most popular of the Latin-American diplomatic corps at Washington. He always has been enthusiastic in the development of good relations between the United States and Central America and was a prominent figure in the Central American peace conference.

SEEKS BETTER WATERWAYS.

Rivers and Harbors Congress, Meeting in Washington, Wants Appropriation.

Washington, Dec. 9.—First among the objects of the national rivers and harbors congress, which began its sessions here today, is the procuring from congress of a liberal annual appropriation for the improvement of waterways.

Another object of the congress is the improvement of the navigation of the Mississippi river, and the welfare of the people of the United States.

More than 100 delegates from all parts of the country are expected to be present at the congress.

The congress will meet in the National Hotel, and will continue its sessions until the 15th inst.

The congress will also hold a session on the 16th inst., at which time the national rivers and harbors congress, meeting at the same time, with the same ends in view.

TO PROTECT THE HUDSON.

New York Protests Against New Jersey's Use of the River For Drainage.

New York, Dec. 9.—A conference of the authorities of the states of New York and New Jersey was held here today before the United States harbor line board, the question under discussion being the proposed use of the Hudson or North river as a sewer by New Jersey towns.

Acting through its attorney general, the state of New York has protested to the board against such use of the river. Application has also been made to the United States supreme court for an injunction to prevent the Passaic valley sewage commission from taking steps looking toward the emptying of sewage into New York bay by way of the river.

WOMAN LEAVES \$10,000,000.

Miss Mary Goodwin Pinkney, Ninety-nine Years Old, Dies in Hotel.

New York, Dec. 9.—Miss Mary Goodwin Pinkney, ninety-nine years old, owner of the vast Watt estate, who was regarded as the second largest woman real estate holder in this section of the country and whose wealth was estimated at \$10,000,000, died at the Hotel Buckingham of pneumonia.

Miss Pinkney was the daughter of Colonel Ninan Pinkney. She inherited the vast property from her stepfather, the late Commodore Archibald Watts, and for many years she used the historic and picturesque Watts mansion at One Hundred and Thirty-ninth street and Seventh avenue as a summer home.

COGHLAN'S FUNERAL TODAY.

Admiral's Body Arrives in Washington on Special Train.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The body of Rear Admiral Joseph R. Coghlan arrived here today on a special car from New York.

It was taken at once to St. John's chapel, where funeral services were held.

The casket was draped with the flag, and upon the colors and beneath a wreath of red, white and blue rested the admiral's hat and the sword he wore at Cavite.

BULGARIA OFFERS INDEMNITY

Willing to Give Turkey \$16,500,000 For Independence.

Paris, Dec. 9.—Bulgaria has notified the powers of her willingness to indemnify Turkey in the sum of \$16,500,000.

This indemnity is for the damages sustained by the Bulgarians declaration of independence.